

**Table 3. Fertility rates and birth rates by age of mother, live-birth order, and race of mother: United States, 1997**

[Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and racial group. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race of mother	15-44 years <sup>1</sup>	Age of mother									
		10-14 years	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years <sup>2</sup>
			Total	15-17 years	18-19 years						
All races .....	65.0	1.1	52.3	32.1	83.6	110.4	113.8	85.3	36.1	7.1	0.4
1st child .....	26.5	1.1	40.8	28.3	60.2	51.2	42.7	24.0	8.0	1.5	0.1
2d child .....	21.1	0.0	9.6	3.5	19.1	38.0	39.5	31.0	11.7	1.9	0.1
3d child .....	10.6	*	1.6	0.3	3.7	15.1	20.0	18.0	8.5	1.5	0.1
4th child .....	4.1	*	0.2	0.0	0.5	4.5	7.4	7.3	4.2	0.9	0.0
5th child .....	1.5	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.2	2.6	2.8	1.8	0.5	0.0
6th and 7th child .....	0.9	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.4	1.3	1.8	1.4	0.5	0.0
8th child and over .....	0.3	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0
White .....	63.9	0.7	46.3	27.1	75.9	106.7	116.6	87.8	36.4	6.9	0.4
1st child .....	26.2	0.7	37.1	24.3	56.8	51.6	45.0	24.9	8.2	1.5	0.1
2d child .....	21.2	0.0	7.9	2.6	16.2	37.3	41.4	32.4	11.8	1.9	0.1
3d child .....	10.4	*	1.1	0.2	2.6	13.5	20.2	18.8	8.6	1.4	0.1
4th child .....	3.8	*	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.4	6.9	7.3	4.2	0.8	0.0
5th child .....	1.3	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.7	2.1	2.6	1.8	0.5	0.0
6th and 7th child .....	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	0.4	0.0
8th child and over .....	0.2	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0
Black .....	70.7	3.3	88.2	60.8	130.1	139.0	99.5	64.3	29.7	6.5	0.3
1st child .....	27.3	3.2	64.0	51.3	83.5	52.0	26.2	14.1	5.3	1.0	0.0
2d child .....	20.7	0.1	19.0	8.5	35.3	46.3	31.8	19.9	8.2	1.5	0.1
3d child .....	12.1	*	4.4	1.0	9.6	25.4	21.4	14.5	6.8	1.4	0.1
4th child .....	5.7	*	0.7	0.1	1.6	10.5	10.8	7.5	4.1	1.0	0.1
5th child .....	2.5	*	0.1	*	0.2	3.5	5.1	3.8	2.3	0.6	0.0
6th and 7th child .....	1.8	*	0.0	*	0.0	1.3	3.5	3.2	2.0	0.6	0.0
8th child and over .....	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.0
American Indian <sup>3</sup> .....	69.1	1.7	71.8	45.3	117.6	134.9	100.8	64.2	29.3	6.4	0.4
1st child .....	24.7	1.7	55.2	40.4	80.8	49.6	20.2	9.6	3.2	0.6	*
2d child .....	19.1	*	14.4	4.6	31.3	49.5	29.2	14.7	5.4	1.0	*
3d child .....	11.9	*	2.0	0.3	4.9	24.3	24.2	14.6	6.1	1.1	*
4th child .....	6.5	*	0.2	*	0.6	8.6	14.2	10.6	5.2	1.1	*
5th child .....	3.4	*	*	*	*	2.2	7.2	6.9	3.7	0.9	*
6th and 7th child .....	2.7	*	*	*	*	0.7	4.9	6.3	3.9	0.9	*
8th child and over .....	0.8	*	*	*	*	*	0.7	1.6	1.8	0.8	*
Asian or Pacific Islander .....	66.3	0.5	23.7	14.3	39.3	70.5	113.2	110.3	54.1	11.9	0.9
1st child .....	30.4	0.5	18.8	12.5	29.3	41.8	59.5	41.4	14.5	2.8	0.2
2d child .....	22.1	*	3.9	1.7	7.6	18.9	34.9	43.9	21.0	3.8	0.2
3d child .....	8.5	*	0.8	0.2	1.8	6.3	11.7	16.0	11.2	2.5	0.1
4th child .....	2.9	*	0.2	*	0.5	2.2	4.1	4.8	3.9	1.1	0.1
5th child .....	1.1	*	*	*	*	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.5	0.6	*
6th and 7th child .....	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.4	1.1	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.1
8th child and over .....	0.5	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.2

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

<sup>1</sup> Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

<sup>2</sup> Rates computed by relating births to women aged 45-54 years to women aged 45-49 years.

<sup>3</sup> Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

NOTE: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race; see Technical notes.